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Naples, February 27. *N. S.*

THE Count de Thaun, our Vice-Roy, has repair'd the Fortifications of all the Caſtles of this Place, and furniſh'd them with great Stores of Ammunition and Proviſions. Some Days ago the four Deputations of the City held an Aſſembly, to deliberate upon ſeveral Propoſals that were made to them for the advantage of Commerce, and agreed to refer them to the Conſideration of the moſt eminent Merchants, who are order'd to give their Opinions of them in Writing. The Emperor has conferr'd the Dignity of a Grandee of Spain upon the Duke de Sorreto and his Succeſſors. Several Perſons ſuſpected of forming Deſigns againſt the Government, have lately been committed to Priſon. We have received advice from Manfredonia, that the Spaniſh Troops deſign'd for Hungary were diſembark'd at Fiume, and the Tranſport Ships were returned, having made a proſperous Voyage, except one Tartane that was caſt away with Thirty Soldiers on board. They write from Palermo, that the King of Sicily had fix'd on the 30th of next Month for his Publick Entry into Meſſina. He had ſent Orders to all the Governors of the Maritime Places, not to ſuffer any Eccleſiaſtical Perſons to retire out of the Kingdom, without expreſs Leave from his Majeſty.

Turin, February 28. *N. S.* On the 24th an Expreſs arrived here from the Count de Provana, Miniſter of this Court at Vienna, with an Account, that he had received an Order from the Emperor to leave that City in three Days, and the Empire in fifteen. Whereupon this Government immediately ſent to the Imperial Miniſter to be gone from hence in Twenty four Hours, and he is accordingly ſet out for Milan. All the Emperor's Subjects, who have no Settlement in this Country, are likewiſe order'd to retire out of his Majeſty's Dominions in Fifteen Days. On the 26th a Courier was diſpatch'd to Sicily, to give the King an Account of theſe Proceedings, which it is apprehended may occaſion a Rupture between the two Courts. Letters from Palermo bring an Account, that Preparations were making for his Majeſty's Journey to Meſſina, and Monſieur Fontana was already gone thither to give Orders for his Reception. The ſame Advices add, that an Aſſembly of the States of the Kingdom, conſiſting of the Nobility, Clergy, and Burgeſſes was conven'd at Palermo, and the King did not intend to return into Piedmont till after their Separation.

Stockholm, March 3. *N. S.* It has been propoſed in the Aſſembly of the States to enter into a Treaty with the Allies of the North during the King's Abſence, ſince the time of his return is ſo very uncertain. But the Princeſs-Regent has declared, that ſhe cannot conſent to any Negotiations of Peace without Inſtructions from his Majeſty, which ſhe has not yet received. The Committee for Secret Affairs have been in Conference with the Senate, and acquainted them with the Reſolutions they are come to for raiſing a Supply for the Service of this Year. The States have unanimouſly agreed to ſend out a Squadron of Men of War early in the Spring, under the Command of Admiral Watrang, in order to encounter that of the Muſcovites on the Coaſts of Finland. They have likewiſe agreed to form three Armies, one of which is to be employ'd in Scania, another in Finland, and the third is to remain near this City. All Matters relating to the Defence of the Kingdom being now adjuſted, it is thought the States will finiſh their Seſſion in a ſhort time. The Senate has ſent for General Ducker to take upon him the Command of the Army at this Place, and the Government of Stralſund is to be committed in his abſence to Major-General Ekelbach. Some Days ago Monſieur Lewenheym, Secretary of Count Meyerfeld, arrived here from Turkey, and brought a Liſt of ſeveral Promotions from the King.

Madrid, March 12. *N. S.* His Majeſty continues ſtill at the Palace of the Duke de Medina Celi, and the Miniſters often go thither to give him an account of the Affairs of the Kingdom. On the 11th, Don Sancho de Velunza was conſecrated Biſhop of Ceuta by Cardinal Giudice, aſſiſted by the Biſhops of Cardona and Girona. Letters from Catalonia bring an account, that the Forces lately arrived from Sicily were diſembark'd, and poſted on the Left of the Camp. It was thought as ſoon as the Horſe and Dragoons were mounted, they would be ſent to relieve the Walloon Troops, and part of thoſe under the command of the Count de Fiennes, which are to be employ'd in the Siege of Barcelona. The Inhabitants of that Place have ſent the Duke de Popoli a Letter for the King, in which it is ſaid they offer to lay down their Arms, and to pay his Majeſty's Expences in preparing for the Siege, upon condition they may have their Privileges ſecured to them. We are informed that there have been great Diviſions among their Leaders, and the Marquis de Villaroel, their General in Chief, is diſmiſs'd from his Command.

Deal, March 25. The following Ships are now in the Downs, viz. the Rocheſter, Thiſtleworth and the Catherine bound for the Eaſt Indies; the Union, London and the Taviſtock for Jamaica; the Martha, Society, Globe, James and the Generous Jenny for Virginia; the Broughton and the Smith-Frigat for Guinea; the Sophia and the George for New-England; the Stratford and the Three Maries for Bar-